Funeral Services
for
Faye Brown-Sperling

Thursday, May 1, 2003
- 12:00 Noon -

Israel Missionary Baptist Church
2071 Hosea Williams Drive, SE
Atlanta, Georgia

Reverend William Smith, *Pastor*
Reverend Sedrick Gardner, *Officiating*

Obituary

Faye Brown-Sperling was born on May 5, 1947 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Hester and Willie Brown. She was the oldest of three children. Because of her father's military career, Faye was blessed with worldly education which encouraged her to challenge and excel in life. After graduating from Baumholder American High School (Germany), in 1965, she moved to Los Angeles, California where she began her adult journey in life. She did not make all the right decisions, but learned from her wrong ones. Faye was a thinker and anyone that knew her could tell when an idea was brewing in her mind. She was admired because when the brewing was done, her idea would become a reality.

In 1988, she was hired to conduct the first HIV counseling and testing program in the state of Georgia in a substance abuse facility. She realized that most of the clients had no one to talk to about their positive status except her. She began to take them home where she and her husband, Charles allowed them to speak freely in a small group about their concerns and fears about living with HIV. Faye had two dynamic ideas in her life. The first was to get clean and sober in 1986. The other was when she started a small agency called Our Common Welfare, Inc., that provides quality education and support services to persons with substance abuser problems and HIV Disease. No one believed it would work when she first had the idea, but she challenged the non-believers and today, because of her vision, Our Common Welfare has grown into a nationally known program model, that received the 2001 National Life Award.

Faye was a lady of small stature but most people that know her will add, "she carried a big stick". Faye was a woman who was full of life, love and strength. Anyone in her presence for more than ten minutes was impressed. Some people left dazed and confused! But everyone's life that she touched (and there were many), can admit that something special happened when they met Faye. Her favorite past time was renting "a bag of movies" from Blockbuster.

On April 25, 2003, Faye's angel came to take her home. She leaves behind to celebrate her life, her loving husband and partner, Charles E. Sperling; her mother, Mrs. Hester Brown; a sister and best friend, Patricia Ann Brown; one brother, Willie Brown and his wife, Mimi Brown; one daughter, Keisha Renee Hardin; a son, LeBryan Sperling; three nieces, Patricia Faye Brown, Kimberly Brown and Telena Saxton and one nephew, Willie Brown III. She also leaves a host of relatives, clients and friends from near and far. Last but not least, she leaves to carry on her vision, her dedicated staff at Our Common Welfare, Inc.

Order of Service

Prelude

Procession

Selection.....**Lapedia Bowden**

Scripture

The Old Testament.....**Rev. G.F. Frazier**

The New Testament.....**Rev. Al Shellman**

Selection.....**Roger Heard**

Proclamation.....**Vernon Jones**

Dekalb County CEO

Remarks.....**Prentiss Curry**

Archie Harrell

Janet Cleveland

Special Tribute.....**Willie Brown and Patrice Brown**

Proclamation.....**State of Georgia, Governor Perdue's Office**

Rev. Raymond Davis

Obituary (Read Silently)

Solo.....**Mrs. Tempy Hoskins**

Eulogy.....**Rev. Sedrick Gardner**

Acknowledgement.....**Presentation of Flowers**

Recessional

Postlude

Faye Would Say...

"You don't have to understand this program for it to work, you need only follow the directions."

Faye Brown-Sperling

Interment

Westview Cemetery

1680 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd., SW – Atlanta, Georgia

Pallbearers

Reggie Coleman	**Jerry Brooks**
Prentiss Curry	**Michael Banner**
Marcus Thornton	**Gregory Amos**

Flower Ladies

Vanessa Olave'	**Loretta Aqeel**
Victoria Lassiter	**Betty Wise**
Clarissa Lane	**Mable Robinson**

Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green Pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for His names' sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death: I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me, thy rod and
Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen.

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